

## LOUISVILLE'S SORROW.

### The Awful Tornado's Work in the Falls City.

Outburst of Flames Drives Off the Rescuers—Frenzied Scenes—Two Hundred Houses in Ruins—The Fated Dance Hall.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 29.—Between eight and nine o'clock Thursday night a tornado struck this city from the southwest, extending northeastward, leaving death and destruction everywhere. Outside of the clearly defined limits of the destruction the people knew only of a heavy rain accompanied by a high wind. Soon came the alarm of fire from a dozen different stations and the horrors of the calamity began to dawn on the people.

Great stone warehouses, halls of amusement, railroad stations and dwelling houses all went down before the mighty powers of the air. The storm soon passed on, the clouds scattered and the moon cast its light over a sorely stricken city. Relief parties were soon organized and the whole force of the fire department was put to work.

The wrecked part of the city lies between Eighteenth, Broadway, Seventh and Main streets, the storm passing diagonally across that section, which is probably a mile square.

At least 200 houses are in ruins. The buildings on Main street, from Eighth to Fourteenth, are in ruins, not one of the handsome wholesale houses being left and all the tobacco warehouses being swept away.

On Market street, Falls City Hall, a four-story building, was blown down while several Masonic and Knights of Honor lodges were in session.

One hundred men and women were buried in the ruins.

Every other house on Market, Jefferson and Walnut streets, from Eleventh to Sixteenth, is in ruins. Parkland, a suburb, was swept away.

At the Union Depot, at the foot of Seventh street, the Chesapeake & Ohio train for Washington was just starting filled with passengers. The building was prostrated, crashing in on the train. All the passengers, however, were rescued except one newsboy.

Every building, tree and telegraph pole in the district struck was leveled.

Probably the greatest loss of life occurred at the Falls City Hall, which was the center of the tornado. In the lower rooms of the hall were 50 or 75 children, with their mothers and other relatives, taking dancing lessons. There were at least 125 persons on the lower floor, and 75 more attending a lodge meeting on upper floors when the terrible wind swept down upon the building. The entire structure, in less than five minutes, was a shapeless mass of brick and mortar, burying 200 helpless victims, of which number few escaped uninjured. Conservative estimates place the loss of life at this point at 100, while other reports indicate the number to be nearer 300.

At three o'clock a. m. 35 dead bodies had been taken from this ruin and 15 wounded and dying. Only those on the third floor had been reached, the room containing the dancing school pupils and visitors not yet being opened.

Immediately upon the burst of the cyclone the fire bells sounded and the police went to work. In ten minutes a posse appeared at the Falls City Hall. The walls of the adjoining house were first propped up, and then began the work of cutting through the heavy slate roof that covered all. At first the work was difficult and laborious on account of the anxious multitude that thronged the wreck to view the ruin. Women were found digging at the slate with their fingers, crazed at the groans beneath, each of which they thought ascended from their dying ones.

The work of excavating was then moved from the rear of the building to the front, where it was supposed the greater crowd was gathered. As soon as the roofing was removed and the mass of brick beneath, the first sight that met the eyes was any thing but hopeful. Ten women looked in each other's arms were drawn out of the debris, all dead but one. James Hassen, whose wife had been at the lodge meeting, was foremost in the work and the first person whom he drew out of the building was his wife, who died in his arms. He laid her by the side of the others who were dead and continued to work for the living.

Within the next hour thirty men and women were drawn out dead, but with no wounds on their bodies, and it is thought that all met their death from suffocation.

At twelve o'clock the opening up of a portion of the debris of the Falls City Hall caused a draught to penetrate the ruins, whereupon the smoldering fire broke out with tremendous fierceness. It spread rapidly and forced the workers to desert the pile. As soon as the firemen had been driven away groans from the imprisoned people became shrieks, and so great was the horror of the moment that the watchers grew frantic and screamed and ran about like wild, the terrible sufferings which they were unable to alleviate driving them to despair. Several lines of men had been throwing water on the flames, but it was more than an hour before work could be proceeded with, and then it was carried on with much difficulty on account of the heat.

The cyclone was predicted by a signal service bulletin in the afternoon, but no heed was paid to its warning.

## BURYING THE DEAD.

A Sad Sunday at Louisville—Destruction at Other Places.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—All Saturday night the search parties continued their labors and the sound of rattling wagons rose out of every street. Carpenters and tanners worked like beavers the whole day trying to repair broken roofs and strengthen dangerously weakened walls. Gangs of linemen were getting the tangled and broken wires of the telephone and telegraph out of the way of further repairs.

Meanwhile the solemn tolling of church bells, the frequent passage of laden hearses and long lines of funeral carriages gave note to the hurrying crowd that the tornado's victims were passing to their last abode.

Careful estimates by competent underwriters and salvage agents are nearly agreed that the damage to buildings of all classes, to domestic goods and commercial stocks will aggregate close to \$2,500,000, with a liberal allowance for rebuilding and repairs. The main point of comfort, though, is that the loss of life will not prove nearly so great as first supposed. At a late hour ninety-four names were borne on the list of the dead and of these but three were taken from the ruins during the whole of yesterday.

The work of burying the dead went on with ghastly systematic briskness yesterday. All of the hearses in the city were taxed to their utmost. One procession contained five hearses, conveying the bodies of the unfortunate laundry girls, Maggie McClure, Mary Ryan, Bridget Crow, Maggie Campbell and Mary McGinty, whose funeral services were held at the Cathedral at the same time.

So urgent were the demands on the undertakers that as a rule but two hacks were allowed to each funeral. Even with this arrangement the facilities were inadequate and the electric street cars via Green street and Baxter avenue to the cemetery were called into requisition as a more rapid means of funeral conveyance.

Twenty-four funeral processions passed out Broadway yesterday en route to Cave Hill. The funeral of Rev. Dr. Barnwell, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, took place at noon, and his son, Dudley Barnwell, was buried at the same time. The owners of carriages and hacks raised their charges to \$10 for the use of their vehicles, and as a consequence all the carriages available in Jeffersonville and New Albany were brought to this city, while some of the colored people and the poorer of the unfortunate families were forced to use express and transfer wagons.

Offers of help continue to come in. Liberal contributions to the fund are reported from citizens here and several from the outside. Among others J. H. Kemble, of Philadelphia, sends a check for \$1,000 to Hon. Henry Watterson at Jacksonville, Fla., to be used here.

THE HAVOC AT DIXON. Dixon, Ky., March 31.—The most terrific storm that ever invaded this section of the State passed through Webster County Thursday afternoon, about six o'clock. The storm made its appearance as an ordinary storm usually does, but its cloud soon assumed a light red color, with a dark cloud hanging in the center and funnel shaped. Then a rumbling sound ensued, accompanied by thunder, lightning, hail and rain, and the storm burst forth in its full fury. It was about twenty minutes in duration, but in that time eight lives were lost and about thirty persons were wounded, some of whom will die, and about \$150,000 worth of property was destroyed.

CLAY, Ky., March 31.—The number of lives lost will not fall short of fifty in this section, while the damage to property is estimated at about \$70,000.

HARTFORD, Ky., March 31.—A messenger from the Duke neighborhood, who came to town Friday morning for physicians, reports that Farmer Gid Comb's house in that neighborhood was blown down, killing two children and bruising and injuring the remaining five persons in the house so badly that one was reported to be dying and the others suffering intensely with broken limbs and internal injuries.

## THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

Terrible Work of the Flood in the Mississippi River—Extent of the Damage.

St. Louis, March 31.—Mr. J. Hogan, of the Memphis Commercial, arrived yesterday direct from along the flooded districts of the Mississippi river, having just completed a thorough tour and investigation of the devastated districts. He says the situation is alarming, and in his opinion the flood has not reached the highest notch.

In the Laconia circle, which is situated in Desha County, Ark., and comprises about 20,000 acres, the scene is a heartrending one. This strip of country is now inundated to a depth of from five to twenty feet, and the inhabitants, numbering between 2,000 and 3,000—men, women and children—are perched in trees, house tops and barns and haystacks.

Starvation is telling on the stock that has not already perished, while the human victims are in a not less deplorable condition.

From Helena the entire Mississippi delta reaching from Vicksburg west to Shreveport and down to New Orleans seemed doomed to destruction. Mr. Hogan reports that all the people in the wide district threatened who realized the true situation are fleeing for their lives.

OWENSBORO, Ky., March 30.—At West Louisville not a business house was left standing and but one dwelling can be seen. Only one person was killed.

## THE PENSION BILL.

The Dependent Pension Bill as Recently Passed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Dependent Pension bill as passed by the Senate is as follows:

That in considering the pension claims of dependent parents under the provisions of this act, the fact of the death of the soldier and sailor and the fact that he left no widow or minor child, or children, having been shown as required by law, it shall then be necessary to show by competent and sufficient evidence that such parent or parents are without other means of support than their own labor and the contributions of others not legally bound for their support; provided, that all pensions allowed to dependent parents under this act shall commence from the date of the filing of the application hereunder, and shall continue no longer than the existence of their dependence.

Sec. 2. That all persons who served three months or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late war of the rebellion, and who have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are now or who may hereafter be suffering from mental or physical disability, not the result of their own vicious habits, which incapacitate them from the performance of labor in such a degree as to render them unable to earn a support, and who are dependent upon their daily labor or the contributions of others not legally bound therefor for their support, shall, upon making due proof of the facts according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the list of invalid pensioners of the United States and be entitled to receive—dollars per month; and such pensions shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the pension office after the passage of this act upon proof that the disability then existed, and shall continue during the existence of the same.

Provided, that persons who are now receiving pensions under existing laws or whose claims are pending in the pension office, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, showing themselves entitled thereto, receive the benefits of the act; and nothing herein contained shall be construed as to prevent any pensioner thereunder from prosecuting his claim and receiving his pension under any other general or special act; provided, however, that no person shall receive more than one pension for the same period, and provided that rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed under this act.

Sec. 3. That if any officer or enlisted man who served three months or more in the army or navy of the United States during the late war of the rebellion and who was honorably discharged, and has died, or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow, minor child or children, a dependent mother or father, as such dependency is defined under section 1 of this act, such widow, minor child or children, or mother or father, shall be placed on the pension roll at the rates established for them by law without regard to the cause of death of such officer or enlisted man; provided, that the cause of death of such officer or enlisted man was or is not due to a violation of the civil or military laws, or the result of vicious habits, and that said widow was married to the deceased pensioner prior to the passage of this act. All pensions granted to widows under this act shall take effect from the date of the death of the husband of such widows, but not dating back of the passage of this act.

Sec. 4. That from the date of the passage of this act the increase of pensions for minor children shall be at the rate of \$4 per month instead of \$3 per month as now provided by law, and in case a minor child is insane, idiotic or otherwise helpless the pension shall continue during the life of said child or during the period of such disability.

Sec. 5. The agent, attorney or other person engaged in preparing, presenting or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of this act who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, receive or retain for such services in preparing, presenting or prosecuting such claim a sum greater than \$10, which sum shall be payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions by the pension agent making payment of the pension allowed, and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every such offense, be fined not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years or both in the discretion of the court.

## FORMAL NOTICE.

Cattlemen Must Take Their Property Out of the Indian Territory.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in accordance with instructions of the Secretary of the Interior, has issued a notice to all whom it may concern, whether white men or Indians, that all cattle and other livestock held on any Indian land in the Indian Territory under any pretended contract or arrangement with the Indians for the use and occupation of any part of any Indian lands for grazing purposes, must be removed not later than October 1, 1890, and so much earlier as any special circumstances affecting the lands or concerning any of the cattle may make such removal necessary.

This removal is based upon a decision of the Attorney-General, who holds that in the absence of any law derived from treaty or statutory provision Indian tribes can not lease their reservations. The effect of this notice in conjunction with the President's proclamation of February 17, 1890, will be the removal of all the cattle from every part of the Indian Territory by October next, whether on expired leases or not. The Indian agents there are instructed to see that this notice is served and enforced.

Fire in a Convent. MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 1.—Fire broke out last evening about nine o'clock in St. Joseph's Catholic convent on Greenfield avenue, and the entire building and contents were burned, the seventy-five occupants barely escaping with their lives and having no time to save any of their belongings. The fire started from the furnace and was carried quickly through the building by ventilator shafts.

Sister Blank, who was on the fourth floor, finding escape cut off, jumped from a window, breaking her leg and all of her ribs. She can not live.

Two young candidates, Rose Minet and Mary Werner, jumped from the third story window and were injured.

## Had Use For It.

Jones (who is not happy at home)—I understand you've lost your wife, old man.

Smith—Yes, she tumbled out of a tricycle and was killed.

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## The Beauty of Health.

How many women with regular features that might be beautiful, are not, and instead of awakening our admiration only arouse our pity. Their hollow eyes and sunken cheeks and sallow skin haunt our memory. Alas! an invalid wife or mother or sister fills the house with gloom and sadness, and an otherwise happy fireside is shadowed with a pall of regret. Blessed be the physician who has invented a remedy with power to strengthen the female organization, that regulates the delicate functions of feminine life, that relieves those bearing-down pains, that renews the appetite, that perfects digestion, that brightens the eyes and beautifies the complexion with the glow of health. Such a remedy is Dr. Bull's Sarsaparilla. It is woman's best friend for counteracting the evils that afflict her sex. Thousands of ladies owe their beauty to a use of this incomparable alternative. Demand it of your druggist. Take no other.—Paris News.

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